Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas Major General Raymond William Carpenter's dedication to service has made him a valuable asset to this state and country; and,

Whereas, We have very few occasions to recognize the patriotic individuals for their service to this state and country; and,

Whereas, Major General Carpenter has devoted more than 44 years of his life to the service of his country positively affecting the Soldiers and the families of the South Dakota Army National Guard. He dedicated himself with military service in Vietnam, throughout the Cold War, and the Global War on Terror. He also provided many years of service to the Engineer Corps. He served on active duty in support of Operation Noble Eagle, assisted in Hurricane Katrina operations, and served 29 months as the Acting Director of the Army National Guard in Washington, DC. His leadership skills and vast experiences have proved valuable in getting things accomplished for the betterment of the Soldiers of the Army National Guard; and,

Whereas, His loyalty and leadership have made him a cornerstone in the Armed Forces of this country; and,

Whereas, Major General Carpenter continues to give of himself; and,

Whereas, It is fitting and proper as Governor to commend Major General Raymond William Carpenter for over 44 years of dedicated and outstanding service to this state and country:

Now, Therefore, I, Dennis. M Daugaard, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim January 6, 2012; as

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in South Dakota, and I join with his family and friends in wishing him well in his retirement and thanking him for his service to the state of South Dakota and to the United States of America.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twelfth Day of December in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Eleven.

Dennis Daugaard

Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

Jason Gant

Jason M. Gant, Secretary of State